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SUBJ: WESTAM ARRANGEMENTS: ADVANCE VISIT NUMBER THREE

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1. REFTEL (A) INDICATES JAMES D. BANKS PLANS ACCRA ARRIVAL MARCH 17 FROM MONROVIA "TO FOLLOW-UP PARNELL VISIT AND MAKE ALL FINAL WESTAM ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE OF MISSION AND ASSIST THE MISSION IN ITS ACTIVITIES."

2. ACCRA HAS ALREADY HAD ADVANCE VISITS OF HENDERSON/HOPE AND HAS JUST THIS MORNING COMPLETED PARNELL VISIT. ARRANGEMENTS APPEAR WELL IN HAND AND EMBASSY PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING THEM. EMBASSY NEXT WEEK WILL BE CONCENTRATING ON THE MANY NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARRIVAL SAME WEEKEND OF FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS AND OPIC MISSION. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.

3. AS FOR ACCRA PLANS, PROJECT STILL BEING HELD UP BY LACK OF FINAL GHANAIAAN APPROVAL. KAISER (I.E., VALCO) HERE IN FAR BETTER POSITION TO PUSH THIS THAN SHORT-TERM VISITOR. PARNELL AND EMBOFFS HAVE JUST VISITED NIB'S ADDO FOLLOWING HENDERSON/HOPE/EMBOFF VISIT, AND HE WILL BE SEEN BY WESTAM MISSION. WE THEREFORE VERY RELUCTANT TO ASK THIS BUSY MAN

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FOR YET ANOTHER APPOINTMENT.

4. PARNELL WAS ABLE ONLY TO SEE CANNERY PROJECT SUPERVISOR
DUE TO ABSENCE OF OTHERS CONCERNED IN US. HE WAS THUS ABLE TO
GET OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STATUS.

5. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, BANKS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO
VISIT ACCRA IN ADVANCE OF MISSION. IF HE WISHES TO JOIN
MISSION HERE, PLEASE ADVISE SO WE CAN ADJUST HOTEL RESERVATIONS
IN TIME.
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